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SUBJECT: PROTEST RESOLUTION OF DEUTSCHER BAUERNVERBAND (DBV)

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1. SUMMARY: AT A SPECIAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING IN BONN ON PARIL 3, THE GERMAN FARMERS UNION (DBV) PROTESTED AGAINST THE 1973/74 FARM PRICE PROPOSALS, AND URGED FOR NATIONAL INCOME SUPPORT MEASURES IF FARMER DEMANDS ARE NOT ACCEPTED BY THE COUNCIL OF MINISTER. END SUMMARY
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2. IN HIS ADDRESS TO THE MEETING, THE DBV LEADER, PRESIDENT HEEREMAN, ALSO EXPRESSED BAUERNVERBAND CONCERN " ABOUT THE GROWING US PRESSURE ON THE EUROPEAN AGRICULTURAL POLICY". HIS FULL STATEMENT ON THIS POINT FOLLOWS: " THE UNITED STATES HAVE BEEN ABLE TO EXPAND THEIR SALES OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS TO EUROPE TWICE AS MUCH AS THEIR AGRICULTURAL TRADE WITH ALL OTHER COUNTRIES OF THE WORLD. ONLY IN THE AGRICULTURAL SECTOR HAVE THE AMERICANS ACHIEVED A SURPLUS IN THE BALANCE OF TRADE WITH THE EEC. SENSELESS DEMANDS BY THE UNITED STATES MUST BE EMPHATICALLY REJECTED. ALREADY, 75 PERCENT OF THE US AGCRICULTURAL EXPORTS ENTER THE EEC FREE OF LEVIES, AND 40 PERCENT FREE OF DUTY AND LEVIES. FOR THIS REASON, WE DO NOT UNDERSTAND THE CONTENTION, AGAIN MADE IN PRESIDENT NIXON' S RECENT REPORT ON THE INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC POLICY, THAT THE EEC LEVY SYSTEM IS PROTECTING EUROPEAN FARMERS AT THE EXPENSE OF EUROPEAN CONSUMERS AND THE US FARMER. WHAT THE UNITED STATES ARE NOW DEMANDING, BY A REDUCTION OF THE LEVIES OF FEED GRAINS, IS EXCESSIVE AND UNACCEPTABLE, FOR THE EUROPEAN FARMERS HAVE NO ALTERNATIVE. THEY ARE NOT ABLE TO USE THE AREAS, TODAY PLANTED TO GRAINS, FOR THE PRODUCTION OF OTHER CROPS. THEREFORE, SUCH DEMAND DOES NOT OFFER THE UNITED STATES ADDITIONAL SALES. THE US PRESIDENT' S ADVISORS ACT IRRESPONSIBLY WHEN, TIME AND AGAIN, THEY URGE SUCH DEMANDS."

3. THE FOLLOWING HIGHLIGHTS SUMMARIZE A RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE ORGANIZATION:

- A) GERMAN FARMERS REJECT THE EC COMMISSION' S PRICE PROPOSALS FOR 1973/74. THE PRICE PROPOSALS SHOULD GIVE PRIORITY TO COST AND INCOME DEVELOPMENTS AND SHOULD NOT BE RELATED TO MONETARY DECISIONS.
- B) THE PROPOSED CHANGE IN THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN NATIONAL CURRENCIES AND THE UNIT OF ACCOUNT MEANS THAT THE GERMAN FARMERS AS WELL AS FARMERS IN THE NETHERLANDS, BELGIUM, AND LUXEMBOURG WILL EVEN BE EXCLUDED FROM ANY BENEFITS OF THE PROPOSED MINIMAL 2.76 PERCENT PRICE INCREASE.
- C) THE EC COMMISSION PRICE PROPOSALS ARE IN CONFLICT WITH THE SPIRIT OF THE EC TREATY, ARTICLE 39. IT IS THE DUTY OF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TO SECURE THESE RIGHTS.
- D) NATIONAL INCOME SUPPORT MEASURE WILL BE DEMANDED FOR ANUTHING LESS THAN FULL BORDER EQUALIZATION TAXES AND SATISFACTORY PRICE INCREASES.

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- E) THE GERMAN FARMERS ARE, HOWEVER, READY TO WORK TOGETHER WITH

OTHER EUROPEAN FARMER ORGANIZATIONS IN
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